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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA

1. SHOW THIS TO HABIB AND SCHAUFLE.
 2. I SAW OUR FRIENDS IN LONDON.
 3. THEY HAVE PREPARED THE TWO PAPERS, ONE ON THE POLITICAL SCHEME, THE OTHER ON THE ECONOMIC PLAN. ROWLANDS HAD NOT SEEN THEM. WHEN HE DOES, THE PAPERS WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON TO ARRIVE ABOUT THE SAME
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TIME AS THE SECRETARY. THE BRITISH PROPOSE THAT THE

TWO PAPERS BE GIVEN AS IS TO BOTHA, THAT BOTHA CAN HAVE A PRELIMINARY REACTION FROM PRAETORIA BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK, THAT THE US PARTY CAN THEN GO ON TO AFRICA THE WEEK OF THE 23, TO BE FOLLOWED THAT SAME WEEK BY ROWLANDS, WHO IS GOING TO LAGOS ANYWAY.

4. I MADE A FEW SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE FINANCIAL PLAN. IT IS IMPROVED OVER THE EARLIER VERSION. SUBSTANTIVELY, I THINK IT IS MATURED ENOUGH TO PUT ON THE TABLE WITH THE SAG FOR DISCUSSION. BUT IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT IT IS ONLY THAT. I NEED HARDLY REMIND ANYONE THAT WE CANNOT PRESENT IT AS A FIRM COMMITMENT BY THE USG UNTIL WE SUBMIT IT TO OMB AND TREASURY.

5. THE POLITICAL PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION SEEMS TO ME AT FIRST GLANCE QUITE GOOD. THE BIG QUESTION IS SMITH, OF COURSE.

6. I BEARDED DUFF ABOUT THE BLOOM ARTICLE. I PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THAT IF THAT ARTICLE REPRESENTED THE VIEW OF THE GOUK, THEN WE HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD, SINCE IT WAS NOT CORRECT, AS HE SHOULD KNOW, THAT WE ARE OUT IN FRONT AND URGING THE BRITISH ON AGAINST THEIR WILL. HE TOOK THE POINT, I THINK. AT ALL EVENTS, HE CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW HOW SHE GOT HER INFORMATION, AND PROMISED THE BEST EFFORTS OF HIS GOVERNMENT ONCE AGAIN TO KEEP THE LID ON.

7. I ALSO RAISED CARADON. HE FLATLY ASSURED ME THAT CARADON WAS ON HIS OWN AND WAS SAYING AS MUCH TO EVERYONE HE TALKED WITH.

8. I MENTIONED SCHAUFLE'S VISIT WITH THE BISHOP IN GENERAL TERMS.

9. I HAVE TOLD THE SECRETARY ABOUT THE MEETING.
GAMMON

UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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